

**Amendment to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-24 (Withdrawn)

25. (Original) In a network including a plurality of network devices operated by a plurality of users, a method for retrieving member profile information that provides for selective real-time information exchange of member profile information between external network devices and an information exchange system comprising the steps of:

granting, by a member, access to at least one data element associated with the member from the external network device;

retrieving the data elements associated with the member from the external network device to the information exchange system; and

storing the data elements on the information exchange system to automate access to member profile information from the external network device.

26. (Original) In a network including a plurality of network devices operated by a plurality of users, a method for retrieving member profile information that provides for selective real-time information exchange of member profile information between external network devices and an information exchange system comprising the steps of:

granting, by a member, access to at least one data element associated with the member from the external network device;

snarfing the data elements associated with the member from the external network device to an information exchange system; and

emulating the member profile on the information exchange system to automate access to the external network device.

27. (Original) In a network including a plurality of network devices operated by a plurality of users, a method for pushing selected member profile information that provides for selective real-time information exchange of information between network devices of a member and at least one selected vendor comprising the steps of:

authorizing, by a member, a subset of data elements associated with the member;  
providing the subset of data elements to a recommendation engine;  
converting, by the recommendation engine, the subset of data information to an information request;

forwarding the information request to the selected vendors; and  
accepting responses from the recommendation engine based on information returned from the selected vendors.

28-39 (Withdrawn)